

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to vessels; establishing
3 legislative intent relating to a review of
4 marine vessel sales and protection of
5 consumers; requiring Attorney General to
6 conduct workshops and report results to the
7 Legislature; establishing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Legislative Intent.--The Legislature
12 recognizes that the purchase of a boat or other water-borne
13 vessel is a major consumer purchase and that a defective boat
14 or other water-borne vessel creates a hardship for the
15 consumer. The Legislature recognizes that a review of such
16 considerations as industry practices, existing regulations,
17 the extent of consumer abuse and other unfair trade practices
18 if any, and fiscal impact is necessary in order to insure the
19 adoption of a cost-effective system that will benefit the
20 citizens of this state.

21 Section 2. Workshops.

22 (1) The Attorney General shall conduct a series of
23 workshops that shall include broad representation from the
24 marine manufacturing industry, vessel sales and service
25 industry (dealers) and consumers. The Department of
26 Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of
27 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall appoint
28 representation to the workshops.

29 (2) By March 1, 1999, the Attorney General shall
30 report to the Legislature the findings and recommendations
31 resulting from these workshops.

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(3) Upon submission of the report to the Legislature
this act shall stand repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.